

1. DATE - TIME GROUP 26 Feb 53 27/0559Z	2. LOCATION Klamath Falls, & Medford, Oregon
3. SOURCE CAA Operator	10. CONCLUSION (VENUS)
4. NUMBER OF OBJECTS One	Project Blue Book and contract astronomer evaluate this sighting as caused by Venus.
5. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 10 Minutes	11. BRIEF SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS Round, red object was stationary, fading out and reappearing.
6. TYPE OF OBSERVATION GROUND+VISUAL	
7. COURSE	
8. PHOTOS <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	
9. PHYSICAL EVIDENCE <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	

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*Muttiplo*  
Unidentified Flying Object, Oregon

USA (Oregon)

26/2159  
Klamath Falls)  
Flight Service, MATS, 3800 Newark  
Street, N. W., Washington 25, D. C.

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Gerald E. Tyler, Major, USAF

CAA Radio Operator, Klamath Falls, Ore  
and unidentified observer, Medford, Ore.

Telotype FLYOBRRPT 270750Z February submitted by McChord Flight Service Center

Report contains information on the sighting of an unidentified flying object in the vicinity of Klamath Falls, Oregon, and Medford, Oregon, 26 February 1953.

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Chief, Air Technical Intelligence Center, ATTN: ATIMA-2c

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FLYING REPORT SHAPE ROUND COLOR RED GLOW NO. ONE SPEED STATIONARY  
MANUVERS STATIONARY MANNER OF DISSAPERAANCE FADES THEN REAPPEARS  
TIME 2155P DATE 26 FEB 53 LGTH OF TIME OBSR 12 MIN VISUAL GROUND  
STATION GROUND DISCERNED BY NAKED EYE 42 DEG 52 MIN 55 SEC N

121 DEG 57 MIN 46 SEC 270 DEG FROM STATION 12,000 FT ESTIMATED

KLAMATH FALLS RADIO CMA KLAAMATH FALLS CMA OREGON CAA OPERATOR  
QUALIFIED ALSO SIGHTED FROM MEDFORD CMA OREGON 2 THOUSAND  
SCATTERED 10 MILES VISIBILITY 560 DEG 15 KILOS 10,000 FT SEATTLE

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1. Date of sighting: 26 February 1953
2. Time of sighting: 2159P
3. Place of sighting: Ground observation, Klamath Falls, Oregon and Medford, Oregon.
4. Weather at the time of sighting: 2000 feet scattered clouds, 10 miles visibility.  
Winds at 10,000 feet from 360 degrees at 15 knots.
5. Witnesses: Unidentified CAA Radio Operator, Klamath Falls, Oregon  
Unidentified observer, Medford, Oregon
6. Type of sighting: Ground observation, no optical instruments used.
7. Object sighted:
  - a. Number - one
  - b. Shape - round
  - c. Size - no estimate reported
  - d. Color - red glow
  - e. Speed - maintained stationary position
  - f. Altitude - estimated 10,000 feet
  - g. Sound - unreported
  - h. Exhaust trail - unreported
  - i. Observer location - 42 degrees 52 minutes 55 seconds North, 121 degrees 57 minutes 46 seconds West.
  - j. Object position - 270 degrees from the geographic fix cited in 1, above
  - k. Length of observation - 10 minutes
8. General Remarks: The object remained completely stationary but faded and reappeared throughout the observation. Object disappeared eventually by fading completely out. No fragments of any kind were reported; no interception was attempted; and there was no report of air traffic in the sighting area at the time indicated. No photographs or sketches have been submitted.

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## Klamath Falls, Oregon

26 February 1953

### I. Description of Incident

At 2159 PST a round red stationary object was sighted by a CAA operator for 10 minutes time. The object seemed to fade in and fade out intermittently and eventually faded out completely. The observer estimated the unknown to be at a 270° azimuth from his position and at an altitude of 10,000'. Weather at the time of sighting consisted of scattered clouds at 2,000' with 10 miles visibility.

## II. Discussion of Incident

Project Blue Book and its contract astronomer evaluate this report as definitely caused by the astronomical body Venus. Many similar reports have been received by ATIG during February of an object in the western sky appearing to change color and fading intermittently, and almost all such reports have been found to be Venus.

It is interesting to note in this and other similar observations that experienced CAA and Air Force personnel have been understandably confused by this bright planet, comparatively isolated, low on the horizon and sometimes seen through a high haze layer causing a rapid change in color. Red is the color given most often.

### **III. Conclusion**

### Has Venus.

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